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MINUTES OF THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING JANUARY 6, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chairperson Montañó led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chairperson Eleanor R. Montañó
Barbara Bigby
Rita Hall
John A. Hammargren
Anne S. Hill
Carl Moore

Absent

Vice Chairperson Frank Bacio

Guest

Cassandra Youngblood

Staff

Lee Millen
Nyla Jefferson

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 16, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Bigby and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2009 were approved with the following correction:

Page 3, **Probation Department**, third paragraph, last sentence, "...consider procuring handheld cameras to document physical altercations.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairperson Montaña shared the following:

- A Thank You Letter from Tierra Del Sol Foundation for the \$100 donation.
- LA Times Editorial, *A Foolish Foster Care Shuffle* (12/30/09)
- LA Times article, *Death Rekindles Scrutiny of Agency* (12/30/09)

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORTS

There was none.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM DECEMBER 17, 2009 TO JANUARY 5, 2010

Temple Sheriff Station –Commissioners Bigby and Hill The facility was visited on December 18, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Childs' Home for Children – 10, #3 – Commissioners Bigby and Hill The facility was visited on December 21, 2009, and found to be in unsatisfactory condition. **Areas of Concern:** The sink, blinds, dishwasher, screen door, hall wall paper, all the dresser drawers, and computer monitor need replacing. The windows, tile, oven, stove, and sliding glass door needs cleaning. The 1st Bedroom needs curtains or closet doors, the home needs more food and linen (sheets and towels), and the Fire Extinguisher needs servicing. A follow-up visit is planned in 30 days.

Children's Home of Southern California – 9, #2 – Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on December 21, 2009 and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Santa Monica Branch Courthouse – Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on December 22, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Dangerfield Group Home III – 12, #2 – Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioners Hall and Moore The facility was visited on December 22, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Children Are Our Future – 8, #4 – Commissioners Bigby and Hill The facility was visited on December 22, 2009, and found to be in unsatisfactory condition. **Area of Concerns:** No corrective action taken since the last visit on 11/20/09. Additional concerns are bedrooms 2 and 3 need new doors. Owner stated he never received the corrective action form from Lead Staff. A follow-up visit is planned on 1/22/10.

Commissioners Bigby and Hill plan to revisit Children Are Our Future – 6, #4 on 2/9/10 in response to a letter received stating the completion of repairs. Cassandra Youngblood, Auditor-Controller's Office, will follow-up to determine if the Department of Children Services is visiting the facility and she will update the Probation Department's Ombudsman on this issue.

(Commissioner Hall joined the meeting at 10:45 a.m.)

Malibu Branch Courthouse – Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on December 23, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

South Bay Bright Future Youth Center – 43, #2 – Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on December 28, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition. All three South Bay Bright Future Centers Needs and Services Plan were current.

Pomona South Branch Courthouse - Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on December 29, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Downey Branch Courthouse - Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on December 30, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

San Dimas Sheriff Station – Commissioner Bigby The facility was visited on December 31, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Orange County Children Foundation – 34, #2 – Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Hammargren The facility was visited on January 4, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition. **Area of Concerns:** The auto's rear tires and one front tire need replacing and graffiti is on the back of the house. Commissioner Hammargren received a fax showing proof of purchase of three new tires.

Dream Home Center #1 – 15, #1 - Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on January 5, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Altadena Sheriff Station – Commissioners Bigby and Hill The facility was visited on January 5, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Commissioner Moore received a fax from the Pennacle Foundation; the facility was visited on December 8, 2009, citing the a vehicle maintenance record and the house rules.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Moore will not attend the next Commission meeting.
- Commissioner Moore requested staff to provide a copy of the Grand Jury's 2008-09 Report on Detention Facilities (stations/courts) to Commissioners.

- Ms. Youngblood will further review the Inspection Report form and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.
- Staff is to provide the CRDF Inspection Form at the next Business Meeting.
- Staff is to request a copy of the new DCFS Inspection Sites book.
- Commissioner Hammargren distributed a copy of an application titled, Create Now, which is a resource for amusement tickets i.e. theatres and museums.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda.)

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.